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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3452 SL-029093-046653 and U-058184 (UT-923)

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MaryAnn Wright, Associate Director, Mining Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear MaryAnn:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is completing a review of Plateau Mining Corporation's application to relinquish in full Federal coal leases SL-029093-046653 and U-058184. BLM is preparing documents to move forward with accepting relinquishment of these leases per the joint Blackhawk Coal Company and Plateau Mining Corporation request of July 9, 2001, filed by Plateau. Our decision will be based on a review of the administrative record, and responses provided.

BLM will make a determination whether or not this relinquishment is in the public interest, that the accrued rentals and royalties have been paid, and that all obligations of the lessee under the regulations and the terms of the lease have been met in accordance with 43 CFR 3452.1-3. If \_\_\_\_\_ you have any comments or concerns that BLM should consider before the decision is made, please provide them on or before January 27, 2006.

Should you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Gregg Hudson at 801-539-4040.

Sincerely,

James F. Kohler

Chief, Solid Minerals Branch

cc: Steve Rigby (PFO)

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